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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTION (STRI)

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1. TO ITS SURPRISE, EMBASSY LEARNED THROUGH PRESS JANUARY 7 THAT STRI DIRECTOR HAS SIGNED CONTRACT WITH HEALTH MINISTER AUTHORIZING STRI TO UNDERTAKE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN PANAMA.

2. STRI DIRECTOR CONFIRMED THIS TO EMBASSY, STATING CONTRACT WAS SIGNED JANUARY 5 AS RESULT OF HEALTH MINISTER'S REQUEST TO COMPLETE THIS LONG-PENDING ACTION. SOME MONTHS AGO STRI HAD REGISTERED IN PANAMA AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THEREBY ENABLING IT TO ENTER INTO LEGAL CONTRAXTS. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF SINGING CEREMONY DESCRIBES STRI AS SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION "OF PRIVATE CHARACTER" OPERATING ON BASIS OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, DONATIONS, TRUSTFUNDS.

3. STRI DIRECTOR TOLD EMBASSY EARLIER THIS YEAR HE HAD INFORMED SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION GENERAL COUNSEL THAT WHILE HE WOULD NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE, IF HEALTH MINISTER PROPOSED SIGNATURE OF CONTRACT WHICH HAS BEEN HELD UP

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OVER TWO YEARS, HE WOULD PROCEED. DIRECTOR SAID SMITHSONIAN INFORMED OF SIGNATURE.

4. CONTRACT WHICH WAS SIGNED CONTAINED "CALVO CLAUSE" WHICH LED TO UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS BY DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY TO FIND ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ADVISE EMBASSY STATUS OF PROPOSED US-GOP

AGREED INTERPRETATION TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL.

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